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The Honorable Thomas A. Coburn, M.D.
Chairman
Subcommittee on Federal Financial Management,
Government Information and International Security
United States Senate Committee on Homeland
Security and Government Affairs
439 Hart Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510-3604

Dear Dr. Coburn:

Thank you for your letter regarding federal funding for universities. I appreciate the opportunity to respond.

As one of the premier land-grant institutions in the country, The Ohio State University is annually awarded over \$500 million in federal funding for purposes ranging from research projects sponsored by federal agencies to financial aid for our students in the form of Pell Grants, student loans, and work-study assistance. Less than five percent of this amount is for congressionally directed projects.

Each year we communicate our University priorities to the Ohio Congressional delegation. Although the University determines our annual federal agenda and priorities, it is Members of Congress who ultimately decide which projects are worthy of a congressional designation. The process for determining our priorities is open and involves senior administrators. These priorities can range from supporting increased funding for federal agencies that sponsor basic research, such as the National Science Foundation or the National Institutes of Health, to a specific project that may have a unique one-time funding need that is not eligible for any existing competitive federal program. The enclosed document lists the congressionally directed funding that has been appropriated to Ohio State for specific projects since Federal Fiscal Year 2002, the first year such projects were coordinated by the Ohio State Office of Government Relations.

Another important component of the relationship between universities and the federal government is responsible oversight of all federal expenditures. We take very seriously our duty to stringently comply with all laws and regulations on the proper use of public funding.

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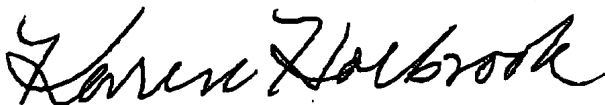
Regardless of whether the funding was competitively awarded or directed by Congress, our faculty must comply with all of the requirements of OMB Circular A-21, as well as any agency and award specific conditions. In addition, our Research Foundation continually monitors expenditures for allow ability and allocate ability and ensures that appropriate documentation is available.

The heart and soul of basic research depends on collaboration with fellow scientists both inside and outside the field of discipline. At Ohio State we encourage partnerships, and it is necessary for successful competitive awards. In setting our federal priorities, we require our priority projects to be significant at the local, state, and national levels.

Like many large public research institutions, Ohio State has considered a variety of ways to represent our interests at the federal level. We have found that the best way for our University to implement our broad federal agenda is for our small but focused Office of Government Relations to work directly with Congress and the federal agencies.

Thank you, again, for the opportunity to respond. On behalf of The Ohio State University, I will continue to work to strengthen the relationship between the federal government and institutions of higher education.

Sincerely yours,



Karen A. Holbrook
President

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Enclosure

Attachment #1

**CONGRESSIONALLY DIRECTED APPROPRIATIONS TO THE OHIO STATE UNIVERSITY,
FISCAL YEARS 2002-2006**

Fiscal Year 2002

Title	Ohio State Unit	Source of Funds	Federal Appropriation
Agricultural Business Enhancement Center	Agriculture	USDA	\$241,000
Aquaculture Research	Agriculture	USDA	\$400,000
Biomedical Research Tower	Medicine	Labor HHS	\$1 M
Campus Partners – Broad Street Portfolio	Campus Partners	HUD	\$750,000
Center for Innovative Food Technology	Agriculture	USDA	\$765,000
Eisenhower Clearing House	Education	Education	\$ 5 M
Family Farm Beef Initiative Network	Agriculture	USDA	\$ 1.2 M
Hydroponic Tomato Production	Agriculture	USDA	\$100,000
TOTAL			\$9,456,000

Fiscal Year 2003

Title	Ohio State Unit	Source of Funds	Federal Appropriation
Agriculture Business Enhancement Center	Agriculture	USDA	\$241,000
Aquaculture Research	Agriculture	USDA	\$450,000
Army Truck	Engineering	DoD	\$1 M
Biomedical Research Tower	Medicine	Labor HHS	\$1 M
Campus Partners – Broad Street Portfolio	Campus Partners	HUD	\$450,000
Center for Innovative Food Technology	Agriculture	USDA	\$765,000
Composting Manure Management R&D	Agriculture	USDA	\$400,000
Eisenhower National Clearing House	Education	Education	\$5 M
Family Farm Beef Initiative Network	USDA	USDA	\$1.3 M
Food-Based Cancer Prevention w/Berries	Agriculture/Medicine	USDA	\$250,000
Health Disparities in Cancer	Medicine	Labor HHS	\$200,000
Hydroponic Tomato Production	Agriculture	USDA	\$100,000
Plant & Animal Agro-Security Research (PAAR) Facility	Agriculture	HUD	\$260,000
PAAR Agricultural Science	Agriculture	HUD	\$447,000
TOTAL			\$11,863,000

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Fiscal Year 2004

Title	Ohio State Unit	Source of Funds	Federal Appropriation
Agricultural Business Enhancement Center	Agriculture	USDA	\$215,000
Agriculture Science / PAAR Program	Agriculture	USDA	\$447,000
Aquaculture Research	Agriculture	USDA	\$855,000
Biomedical Research Tower	Medicine	HRSA	\$1.35 M
Campus Partners – Broad Street Portfolio	Campus Partners	HUD	\$1 M
Center for Aviation Research and Aerospace Technology (CARAT)	Engineering	FAA	\$2.5 M
Earth University Project	Agriculture	DOE	\$250,000
Eisenhower National Clearing House	Education	Education	\$4.968 M
Family Farm Beef Initiative Network	Agriculture	USDA	\$1.2 M
Health Disparities in Cancer	Comprehensive Cancer Center	HHS	\$250,000
Hydroponic Tomato Production	Agriculture	USDA	\$180,000
Plant & Animal Agro-Security Research (PAAR) Facility	Agriculture	HUD	\$1 M
Prevention of Cancer with Berries	Medicine/OARDC	USDA	\$1 M
Sustainable Ag Development	Agriculture	USDA	\$180,000
Women's Gynecologic Cancer Initiative w/Walter Reed Army Hospital	Medicine	DoD	\$2.1 M
TOTAL			\$17,495,000

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Fiscal Year 2005

Title	Ohio State Unit	Source of Funds	Federal Appropriation
Agriculture Science / PAAR Program	Agriculture	USDA	\$547,000
Aquaculture	Agriculture	USDA	\$853,000
Biomedical Research Tower	Medicine	Labor-HHS	\$1.4 M
Biomass Research	Agriculture	DoE	\$1 M
Biomass to Energy	Agriculture	USDA	\$746,000
Campus Partners – Broad Street Portfolio	Campus Partners	VA-HUD	\$1 M
Center for Aviation Research and Aerospace Technology	Engineering	FAA	\$1.5 M
Earth University Project	Agriculture	DoE	\$250,000
Emerald Ash Borer	Agriculture	Interior	\$250,000
Gynecological Center – Racial Disparities Research	Medicine	DoD Army	\$2.1 M
Hybrid Ground Vehicle Propulsion (with Battelle)	Engineering	DoD Army	\$1.5 M
Hydroponic Tomato Production	Agriculture	USDA	\$180,000
Income Enhancement Demonstration	Agriculture	USDA	\$731,000
Plant, Agro-Security (PAAR) Facility	Agriculture	Labor-HHS	\$1 M
Prevention of Cancer with Berries	Medicine/OARDC	USDA	\$735,000
Springfield Cancer Center	Medicine	HHS	\$150,000
UltraFast Laser	Math and Physical Sciences	DoD Air Force	\$1 M
TOTAL			\$14,942,000

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Fiscal Year 2006

Title	Ohio State Unit	Source of Funds	Federal Appropriation
Aquaculture Research	Agriculture	USDA	\$900,000
Black Raspberry Cancer Prevention Research	Agriculture / Medical Center	USDA	\$750,000
Biomass to Energy	Agriculture	Energy and Water	1,500,000
Campus Partners	Campus Partners	HUD	\$1,000,000
Center for Traumatic Amputee Rehabilitation	Medical Center	DoD-Army	\$1,000,000
Dense Matter Physics Facility	Math and Physical Sciences	Energy	\$2,000,000
Earth University	Agriculture	Energy and Water	\$300,000
Emerald Ash Borer	Agriculture	Interior	\$400,000
Emergency Detection/Disease Response	Agriculture	USDA	\$570,000
4-H Green Building	Food, Agriculture and Environmental Sciences	Energy and Water	\$1,000,000
Hydroponic Vegetables	Agriculture	USDA	\$179,000
Ohio Center for Farmland Policy Innovation	Agriculture	USDA	\$400,000
Ultrafast, Ultra Intense Laser Microfabrication and Diagnostics	Math and Physical Science	DoD	\$1,400,000
Olentangy River Wetlands Research	Agriculture	EPA	\$500,000
TOTAL			\$11,899,000